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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 561
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION To recognize Jackie Donaldson on the occasion
of her retirement from the University of
Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Donaldson is one such remarkable person who has served with probity for thirty-five years with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service; she will be retiring from her post as Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent and Extension Leader for UT's Extension Service Office in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, Married at the age of sixteen, Jackie and her husband, Lonnie, worked hard to finish high school; sterling scholars, Jackie graduated from Tennessee Tech with a degree in Home Economics and Lonnie graduated from Tennessee Tech with a degree in Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, She began her estimable career with the Extension Service in the 1960s, working with 4-H Clubs for the first several years; and

WHEREAS, After a few years, Mrs. Donaldson was assigned to work in the adult programs; initially, she made home calls to answer questions about sewing, canning, or home decorating; when home visits were replaced with home demonstration, Jackie was able to reach more women at one time; and

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WHEREAS, By the mid-seventies, Jackie Donaldson's meritorious and dedicated service as an Agriculture Extension Agent earned her a promotion to serve as District Leader in charge of personnel and office management; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of her duties with the Agricultural Extension Service, she has worked closely with numerous community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, the Cookeville Housing Authority, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Families First, and Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Donaldson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Donaldson is especially grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Lonnie, and her two sons, Matthew and Jay; Lonnie Donaldson has supported Jackie in all her endeavors with the Extension Service; when their sons were younger, he tended the children when she needed to attend 4-H camp or make home visits; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2001, her colleagues hosted a retirement reception in Mrs. Donaldson's honor at the Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ in Cookeville; the reception was attended by numerous friends, colleagues, and family members, including her mother, Billie Beaty; her brother, Steve Beaty, her husband, Lonnie, her son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Carrie, her son and daughter-in-law, Mathew and April, and her grandchildren, Katie and Grant; and

WHEREAS, After taking a much deserved retirement from the Agricultural Extension Service, she will serve as a private provider for court-ordered parenting instruction and will also organize travel groups from Putnam County and Crossville to tour around the U.S. and eventually, around the world; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers, clients and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Jackie Donaldson on her remarkable career with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, and wish her the best of luck in her new careers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.